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(c) if any efforts are made to organize the panchayats as soon as possible, which the agency is through whom such efforts are made, and what the method of procedure is?

A.—(a) Yes; by educative propaganda.

(b) Primarily the villagers concerned should take the initiative by expressing their willingness to have a panchayat and to work it properly. The authorities set up for the purpose will do the rest.

(c) Every effort is being made to organize as many panchayats as possible consistently with sound policy and the possibility of effective control. District panchayat officers are the main agency; the procedure is that prescribed in the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

VI.—ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I have to announce that the Madras Forest (Amendment) Act, 1933, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 11th December 1933."

VII.—FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 1933–34.

* The hon. Sir HOPETOUN STOKES:—" Sir, I beg to move that—

' *with a view to the filling up of the vacancy in the Standing Finance Committee caused by reason of the resignation by Mr. W. O. Wright of his seat in the Committee, this Council do proceed to elect a member of the said Committee*'."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I have to inform the House that with reference to Regulation 2 of the Regulations for holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 3 p.m. to-day as the time by which nominations of candidates for election of a member to the Finance Committee should be sent to the Secretary."

VIII.—DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1933–34.

GRANT VI—IRRIGATION (EXCLUDING CAUVERY-METTUR PROJECT)—RESERVED.

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to move that—

' *the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs. 200 under Grant VI—Irrigation (excluding Cauvery-Mettur Project)—Reserved.*'

" This sum of Rs. 200 is intended to cover two items, Rs. 100 being for the closing of the Nethiletivarava breach in the Tsallacalva and